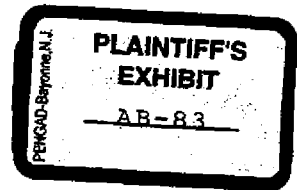


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Dear Tom:

Many thanks for your letter of January 17, 1979, and your comments related to our discussion during the last Director's Meeting.

This is to advise that Abex Corporation will, indeed, support litigation against unacceptable standards. I trust that this commitment is all you are looking for at this time, but should you have any other questions, I will be glad to try to answer them during our next Director's Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Iwarsson".

B. Iwarsson
Vice President and
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